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Alleged hardships of the undertrial prisoners in the South Indian Railway conspiracy trial at Trichinopoly.

* 854-B Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether in the South Indian Railway conspiracy trial now proceeding at Trichinopoly the accused are made to walk three to four miles from the Central Jail to the Court every morning;

(b) whether they have to take their lunch in verandas which are ill-kept;

(c) whether there is no provision for any room for defence lawyers to meet their clients and take instructions from them;

(d) whether the Government have received any complaints in regard to this matter from Mr. N. S. Ramaswami Ayyangar, Advocate for the accused;

(e) whether it is a fact that the police have refused to supply any bus for the conveyance of the accused from the Jail to the Court-house and back;

(f) whether the accused have to walk back again three to four miles after the rising of the Court for the day at 5 or 5-30 p.m. reaching the jail after darkness sets in which interferes with their prescribed meal time; and

(g) whether the Government have taken any action in the matter and if not, why not?

A.—*(a) & (d) to (g)* The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 854-A.

(b) & (c) The Government have no information, but have called for it.

MR. S. SATYAMURTI:—"May I know whether the Government have since issued orders to the police that the prisoners should be carried to the Court and back in buses?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Yes, Sir."

Alleged hardships of undertrial prisoners.

* 855 Q.—Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received complaints about the hardship caused to the undertrial prisoners—invalids and women—standing all the time they are being tried; and

(b) whether the Government propose to provide seating arrangements in docks in all criminal courts in the Province?

A.—(a) No.
(b) No.

Orders passed by the magistracy in this Presidency under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, from 1920—27.

* 856 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of cases in which orders were passed by all classes of magistrates under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, in this Presidency in each of the years 1920 to 1927, both years inclusive, and how many of them were for preventing political meetings and processions;